

# The Messenger

## MAY 2017

### May of Celebration!

This will be a month of celebration! Join us on Sunday, May 14 to welcome new members to Bethany. On Sunday, May 21, Jacob Ahlberg, Grace Krakar, and Jane Howell will be confirmed. This month we will also be celebrating the one year anniversary of our launch of the Cornerstone of Faith Capital Campaign! More campaign updates to come!



On Easter Sunday, a new Paschal Candle was dedicated in memory of all the saints. The Paschal Candle, sometimes called the Easter Candle, is the large decorative candle that symbolizes Jesus' glorious Easter triumph over the darkness of death and sin. Traditionally, the Paschal Candle is the largest candle in the worship space. Some candles in church history weighed three hundred pounds, and some had stands that stood ten feet tall! The Paschal Candle remains in a central position in the sanctuary and is lit throughout the weeks of Easter. After that, the candle is lit for each baptism and funeral. It is a visual connection between baptism and Easter, reminding us that in our baptism we are buried and raised with Christ.



### Reformation Celebration Team

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! Martin Luther first made his 95 Thesis public on October 31, 1517. His work forever changed the church, and since then, it's been "500 Years of Grace in Action." We are putting together a team to work on some events over the next six months to mark this anniversary. If you'd like to help, please join us for a meeting on Tuesday, May 30 at 7pm.

Bethany members welcomed Bishop Rakuba of the Central Diocese in South Africa along with his wife, Renkie and the ELCSA Youth Director, Ms. Oarabile Pewah on April 19 for a potluck dinner. Thank you to Mary Staudt, Dorothy Freehauf, Bev Wilson and Glenda Anderson for arranging a wonderful evening.



Now that we have air conditioning in the sanctuary, we will keep Sunday Worship at 10:30AM all year round. Our Saturday service will move to Wednesdays at 7PM on May 24.

### CALENDAR

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| May 13 | Saturday Worship, 5PM                         |
| May 14 | Sunday Worship with New Member Welcome        |
| May 17 | Book Club at Three Corners on Derby Road, 1PM |
| May 20 | Saturday Worship, 5PM                         |
| May 21 | Sunday Worship and Confirmation               |
| May 24 | Wednesday Worship begins, 7PM                 |
| May 28 | Sunday Worship                                |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Service, 11AM                    |
| May 30 | Reformation Celebration Meeting, 7PM          |

## EASTER BREAKFAST

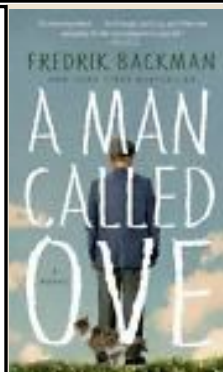


### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES

Alyssa Jaje from the University of Illinois  
Dustin Johnson, Teja Johnson,  
Christian Krakar and Christopher  
McAdam from Lemont High School  
Katie Washagan from the University  
of Michigan



Thrivent Choice dollars were gifted to Bethany Church by Sandra Olinger and Dave Olliander.



### MAY BOOK CLUB

Not a reader? Join us anyway for lunch at a local restaurant and a social hour. Book discussion follows lunch so if you haven't read the book, feel free to leave. The May selection is A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Book Club will meet at 1PM on May 17th at Front Street Cantina.

## THANK YOU

Pam Laasch for organizing Maundy Thursday's Stripping of the Altar and flowers for Easter

Sue Gray, Ralph Johnson, Jordan Fandrey, Sandy Doebert, and Shawn Salmon for providing special Holy Week music

Kim Kujawa, Pam and Bill Laasch, Sandy Doebert, Jordan Fandrey, Don Garling, Ralph Johnson, and David Bergmark for their beautiful choir music

Ralph and Dustin Johnson, Corey Schroeder, John Jaje for cooking Easter breakfast, Gary Gray for arranging the special drinks, and Alyssa, Chris, and Grace Krakar for decorating the Community Room for Easter breakfast

Dorothy Freehauf for altering the paraments

Glenda Anderson for having altar cloths cleaned

Don Garling for working with our contractor on cement work

David Bergmark for completing some exterior caulking and working on a clogged drain

Glenda Anderson and Jodi Taylor for leading Saturday worship

Kealy Schroeder, Zach Howell, Mary Staudt, Sandy Doebert, Jodi Taylor, Gary Gray, Lisa McAdam, Kelsey Schroeder, David Kissick and Roberta Ahlberg for serving on council and their extra work this past month

Alyssa Krakar, Heather Nilles, Beth Howell, and Erin Kissick for a great year of planning and teaching Sunday School

Don Garling for adjusting the east doors that lead into the Education Bldg

## GIFTS TO BETHANY

**A GIFT TO THE CEMETERY FUND**

was given in loving memory of Dick & Sandy Gotlund by Rudie & Jamie, Rich & Jody Gotlund and their families

**A GIFT TO THE OPEN PANTRY WAS GIVEN**

in honor of the Woike Family by Lisa & Bill McAdam

in honor of George & Sue Hayes as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by John & Kelly Jaje

**A GIFT TO THE QUILT MINISTRY** was given in memory of Fern Epler by Rev. Glenn & MariLynn Bergmark

The congregation of Bethany extends its sympathy and prays for the families of  
Norm Epler and Cynthia Pytlewski.  
May light eternal shine on them and may God hold in his hands all those who mourn.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Bethany Members**

Ginny Connelly

Sandy Doebert

Frank Iwan

Vivian Gunsaulus

Leona Nelson

Carl "Slip" Johnson

Ben Sabourin

Peyton Kirk

Nancy Iwan

Theora Kujawa

Marie Heeren

Norma Johnson

Virginia Hoster

Theresa Woike

**Friends and Relatives of Bethany Members**

Joanne Bauer—friend of Jim & Ginny Connelly

Gene Sobba—uncle of Carole & Jim Ross

Terry Wilder—friend of Glenda Anderson

Bernie Schroeder—father of Cheryl Hagedorn

Bob Lewandowski—uncle of John & Kelly Jaje

Audrey Gee—relative of Virginia & Bob Hoster

Pat Genardo—friend of the Connellys

Kyle Williams—friend of Sue Gray

Sean Clark—friend of Kelsey Schroeder

Rudy Cozzi—friend of Glenda & Ed Anderson

The Halama Family—friends of the Iwans

John Shea—brother-in-law of Heather & Mike Nilles

Frank Miller—brother-in-law of Marlene & E.J. Ahlberg

Pastor Melissa Kuemmerle—friend of the Bergmarks

Marianne Carlson—friend of Ginny Connelly & Karen Rae

Justin & Stephanie Wormsley—friends of Jodi & Bruce Taylor

David Walsh—son-in-law of Virginia & Bob Hoster

Barbara McKee—friend of Kealy Schroeder

Tim & Virginia Schroeder—aunt and uncle of Jim & Carole Ross

Gary Cobbett—friend of the Bergmarks

Will Pukula—friend of the Olkiewicz Family

MaryAnn Olkiewicz—mother of Keith Olkiewicz

Justin Rogers—friend of Dave & Mary Staudt

Frank Heeg—friend of Karen Rae

Susan Newton—friend of MariLynn Bergmark

Stella Slowik—friend of Kim Stowe

Anne Pohlman—friend of Sandy Doebert

Frank Roy—friend of Barb & Michael Woods

Maria Railey—friend of Lori Olkiewicz

Mike Bromberek—neighbor of Sharon Ahlberg

Janice Johnson—relative of Pat Engwall

Katie Fisher—friend of Mary & Dave Staudt

Ralph Dvorak—friend of Mary & Dave Staudt

Jackie Falese—mother of Joe Falese

Beau Dowling—friend of Kris Falese

Brenda Short—friend of Kealy Schroeder

Priscilla Lynch—friend of Karen Washagan

*If you would like to add anyone to the Bethany Prayer List, call or email the church office OR drop a note in the offering plate—be sure to include your name.*

*Conversely, if anyone listed is no longer in need of our prayers, please notify us as well.*



### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

#2 pencils	Blue/Black pen	Red pens
Elmer's glue sticks	Pink erasers	Kleenex
Wide rule loose leaf paper	3X5 OR 4X6 lined index cards	
Yellow 3x3 Post It notes	Plastic pocket folders with prongs	

If you don't want to shop, you may make a monetary contribution or sponsor a child for a \$20.00 donation. Mark your envelope School Supplies and we will make sure it gets to Jodi Taylor.

### **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD STAPLES TO THE BETHANY OPEN PANTRY**

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St. Alphonsus Church  
Franciscan Village  
Slovenian Catholic Mission  
T.O.P.S Chapter #2196  
Lemont S.D. 113A

St. Patrick Church  
Lemont Lions Club  
The Salmon Family  
St. Matthew Church  
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### **MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE BETHANY OPEN PANTRY WERE GIVEN BY**

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